

Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership Council

Friday, February 24, 2012

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Members Present: Dr. Earnestine Willis, Chris Holmes, Patricia Anakudo representing Francine Feinberg, Linda Davis, Mary Sowinski representing John Chisholm, Arlene Happach.

Linda Davis opened the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

CAP VIII, Melissa Wavelet

Melissa presented the most recent results for CAP VIII and announced that Rebecca Schwei is the new Director of the Bureau of Performance Management.

Child Fatality Review Paul Brown

Paula explained the work done by Citizen Review Panels, and explained how the Child Fatality Review System works.

Fatherhood Initiative, Lee Johnson and John Elliott

Lee reported on current and upcoming activities/events aimed at engaging fathers. The Fatherhood Initiative started taking referrals on February 13.

- Pictures depicting positive images of fatherhood will be displayed throughout the Bureau.
- Fatherhood advocates will be housed at each Bureau location.
- A Child Support Representative will be speaking at an upcoming BMCW All Staff meeting.
- In-service regarding fatherhood issues is planned for staff.

Redesign, Arlene Happach

Arlene provided an update on the status of the Redesign.

UPDATES

DCF, DSP, Fredi Bove

- Explained legislation AB599 – Best Practices for Children This piece of legislation will help to strengthen concurrent planning and reunification plans.
- Announced that Robert Williams is the new Director of the Bureau of Safety and Well-Being.

BMCW, Arlene Happach

- Presented the monthly statistics for January.
- Announced that the Community meeting will be part of the scheduled Executive Committee meeting on March 30.
- We will be releasing three RFP's for renewal in March:
 - o Independent Living
 - o FISS Program
 - o County-wide Healthy Family programs.

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IFS, Mike Boeder

- Mike announced St. Aemilian's upcoming Trauma Informed training. Flyers will be sent out to all Partnership Council members.

CSSW, Amy Herbst

- Amy announced that CSSW has received VPI grants for working in the Lindsey Park neighborhood. Work will be prevention focused.

Meeting adjourned 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Zellner